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Monday, 18 August 1952

1. Spoke to Mr. Wisner and Mr. Wolf and ~~Mr. [redacted]~~ ^{25X1A9a} respecting plans for my forthcoming trip and requested [redacted] to formalize tentative plans so that we may submit them for consideration and advice. 25X1A9a

2. At the Deputies' meeting, called attention to recent intelligence relating to U.S. labor assistance to Tunisian and Moroccan Nationalists. The Director indicated that he had already requested Mr. Dulles to speak with him about this.

3. At the Deputies' meeting, announced that we would have a briefing on flying saucers at 11 A.M. Wednesday in the Director's conference room. Later spoke with [redacted] at which time we agreed that this briefing would take 20 minutes. 25X1A9a

4. Reported to Gen. Smith concerning my conversation with Col. Todd, Air Force, respecting the FTC Petroleum Report and the positions I had taken. 25X1A9a

5. Spoke with [redacted] and Mr. Amory respecting my desire to have a meeting within the next two weeks with them and [redacted] in order to see what we should do to improve our intelligence collection in the fields of finance and insurance. 25X1A9a

6. Chatted with [redacted] ^{25X1A9a} as to the long-range training needs of the Intelligence Offices. I indicated to [redacted] that I did not favor giving overseas training to new recruits, but felt that this investment should, as a matter of first priority, go to career employees who had already demonstrated their ability and the likelihood that they would remain with the Agency. I also felt that this training program should be coordinated with our over-all position on trips abroad, etc., and requested [redacted] to make recommendations on this over-all basis. 25X1A9a
Later informed Mr. Reber of this talk and requested that he cooperate and make available to [redacted] our studies of trips overseas by the various Intelligence Officers and also the material relating to the peripheral reporting program (State). I felt that one factor was extremely important. The respective ADs should be able to forecast year-by-year the total number of people that they would be required to allocate to non-productive training activities, including schools, sabbaticals, overseas training, etc. etc. If such a forecast were possible, I would undertake to encourage the ADs to designate superior individuals of long-range value to the Agency for such programs. 25X1A9a
One additional point which I emphasized was that this program should

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not be implemented too fast, that is to say, before Personnel and Training have a pipeline of replacements actually moving into the Offices. This should be possible in the near future, since the major growth period has already ended.

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7. Arranged to talk with Gen. McClelland at noon on Wednesday respecting [] In view of this appointment, returned to O/CI a proposed letter by the Director to the USCIB coordinator indicating that this question would be "referred" to State. I did not feel that this was sufficiently completed staff work on this subject.

8. Dr. Chadwell filled me in respecting the background of the relations between Le Baron (AE Advisor to Sec. Def.) and the AEC. He regarded it as important that the answers to any questions which we gave to Le Baron also be given to AEC. I indicated that I thought that we could arrange this, either through channels or by Mr. Dulles through Gordon Dean.

9. Dr. Chadwell indicated to me that one of [] co- consultants was in ill health and it was thought advisable to secure a substitute, in case of need, and I approved.

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10. Also discussed with Dr. Chadwell the implication of the Ad hoc Committee's S&T Report upon O/SI.

11. Discussed with Mr. Farley of the NSC Secretariat the Intelligence Progress Report, which was regarded as satisfactory. Mr. Farley suggested that the paragraphs relating to espionage and counter-espionage be deleted from those copies being distributed to non-IAC agencies and that a statement be inserted that said paragraphs, for security reasons, were being confined to the IAC agencies. I concurred in this proposal and thereafter Mr. Reber and I reviewed the report once again and advised Mr. Farley that no other portions required this treatment.

12. Mr. Farley suggested that in the near future he would like to come over and discuss the possibility of making an intelligence/operational study of certain of the subjects considered in MP-35 and I agreed.

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13. Col. White phoned to state that a classmate of his, [] by name, had applied for a position and was presently talking with George Carey. I undertook to have a chat with [] on Tuesday morning.

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14. Again phoned Mr. Harriman on subject of China trade, but was unable to reach him.

15. Mr. Reber spoke to me regarding the dissemination of NIEs to Ambassadors and Senior Representatives. He felt that it would be extremely difficult to interfere with the present arrangements whereby State sends NIEs for comments to its Ambassadors. I felt that we could work out some suitable arrangement and that I did not feel it inconsistent to arrange for a second copy for our Senior Representatives, so long as it was returned here and a file was not maintained overseas.

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16. [] phoned and requested that we complete our tour of his shop and I made tentative arrangements for Monday, August 25th, at 2 P.M. I shall raise this at the IADs' meeting.

17. Had an extended talk with [] during which I recommended that State initiate action to survey and coordinate intelligence support for psychological operations, both overt and covert. Fisher indicated that they had given serious consideration to this question and were not prepared to take immediate action, in part on the theory that the present requirements are being met to the best of their ability and, in part, on the feeling that a large portion of the area to be coordinated lay within the control of operational organizations rather than in the intelligence community. I indicated to [] that, in any event, Frank Wisner and I would have our needs surveyed and recommendations made as to how they could be satisfied. This might result in a substantial increase in Mr. Wisner's organic intelligence units, which would have to afford the type of detailed support which psychological operations require and which State was not presently set up to afford. [] recognized a difference between this type of support and the psychological warfare research in which State was engaged in support of the Departmental programs and the National Intelligence effort. I indicated to [] that we would consult with his office while making this survey and he designated Phil Trezise (Deputy to Allen Evans) as his representative on this subject.

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